

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4-16 and 18-20; and cancel claim 3 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A polypeptide comprising between 14 and 18 amino acids, ~~or derivative or analogue thereof~~ comprising a tandem repeat of apoE141-149 of SEQ ID No 2 or a truncation thereof, characterised in that at least one Leucine (L) residue of SEQ ID No. 2 is replaced by an amino acid selected from the group consisting of Tryptophan (W), or, Arginine (R), Lysine (K) and derivatives thereof.
2. (Cancelled)
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4. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, or derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1 wherein at least two W, R or K substitutions are made.
5. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, or derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1 wherein at least one further leucine amino acid is replaced with Asparagine (N), Tyrosine (Y), Cysteine (C), Methionine (M), Phenylalanine (F), Isoleucine (I), Glutamine (Q), or Histidine (H) or is deleted.
6. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, or derivative or analogue thereof according to claim 1 with the amino acid sequence:
WRKWRKRWWWRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID No. 3); WRKWRKRWRKWRKR (SEQ ID No. 4); WRKWRKRWWLRKLRKLL (SEQ ID No. 5); or
WRKWRKRWWFRKWRKRFF (SEQ ID No. 55).
7. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, or derivative or analogue according to claim 1 wherein an amino acid is added to the peptide.

8. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, or derivative or analogue according to claim 7 wherein the amino acid is added to the N terminal, C terminal and/or between the ninth and tenth amino acids of SEQ ID No.2
9. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, or derivative or analogue according to claim 8 comprising WRKWRKRWWWRKWRKRWWWR (SEQ ID No. 66).
10. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, or derivative or analogue according to claim 1 which is a peptoid analogue.
11. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide, or derivative or analogue according to claim 1 which is a peptide/peptoid hybrid.
12. (Currently Amended) A polypeptide, or derivative or analogue thereof comprising YRKYRKRYYYRKYRKRY (SEQ ID No. 6)
13. (Currently Amended) A polypeptide, or derivative or analogue thereof comprising LRKLRKRLLLRKLRK (SEQ ID No. 7).
14. (Currently Amended) A polypeptide, or derivative or analogue thereof comprising LRKLRKRLRKLRK (SEQ ID No. 8).
15. (Currently Amended) A polypeptide, or derivative or analogue thereof comprising LRKLRKLRKLRKLRK (SEQ ID No. 9).
16. (Currently Amended) A composition, comprising the polypeptide, or derivative or analogue according to claim 1.
17. (Cancelled)

18. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) An agent adapted to increase the biological activity of the polypeptide, or derivative ~~or analogue~~ according to claim 1.
19. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A method of preventing and/or treating a viral infection, comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of the polypeptide, or derivative ~~or analogue~~ according to claim 1.
20. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide, or derivative ~~or analogue~~ according to claim 1.
21. (Withdrawn) A composition, comprising the nucleic acid sequence according to claim 20.
22. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing and/or treating a viral infection comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a nucleic acid sequence according to claim 20.